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TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, PINS, VE, US

SUBJECT: US/GOV LEGAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT ON BOEING

REF: CARACAS 4324

1. BOTH STATE AND JUSTICE SURPRISED THAT MINISTER OF JUSTICE TAKEN ABACK BY PROCEDURE REQUIRED FOR RELEASE OF DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO BOEING, AS THIS PROCEDURE EXPLAINED TO INITIAL GROUP OF THREE SENT BY GOV LAST JANUARY AND, IN MORE DETAIL, TO VICE MINISTER OF JUSTICE DURING HER TRIP IN FEBRUARY. EMBASSY SHOULD TRY TO MAKE CLEAR ONCE MORE THAT THE DOCUMENTS ARE IN POSSESSION OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, NOT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. SEC, BEFORE IT CAN RELEASE THEM TO JUSTICE, MUST FOLLOW ITS OWN REGULATIONS, WHICH REQUIRE NOTIFICATION TO BOEING OF PROPOSED RELEASE OF DOCUMENTS TO GOV AND GIVING BOEING 10 DAYS TO OBJECT. PROCEDURE CANNOT BEGIN UNTIL GOV SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH JUSTICE.

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2. NO ONE FROM THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT CAN BE PERMITTED ACCESS TO THE SEC FILES BEFORE THE SIGNING OF AGREEMENT. LIKEWISE, JUSTICE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE TACTICALLY UNWISE FOR USG TO APPROACH BOEING BEFORE OFFICIAL SEC NOTIFICATION TO ASK IF IT WILL OBJECT TO RELEASE OF DOCUMENTS.

HOWEVER, IN THE ONLY CASE INVOLVING BOEING TO DATE (CANADA), BOEING DID NOT OBJECT, NOR HAS LOCKHEED IN ANY OF ITS TEN OR SO CASES. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT EXPECT BOEING TO OBJECT IN THIS CASE. SHOULD IT DO SO, HOWEVER, A COURT PROCEEDING MIGHT FOLLOW. THUS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE ASSURANCES TO GOV THAT IF VENEZUELA SIGNS AGREEMENT IT WILL BE GIVEN BOEING DOCUMENTS.

3. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY ENCOURAGE GOV TO DESIGNATE EITHER AMBASSADOR IRIBARREN OR A JUSTICE OFFICIAL OF LESS RANK THAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO SIGN AGREEMENT TO MINIMIZE ANY EMBARRASSMENT TO GOV BY RETURNING EMPTY-HANDED, AND ALLOW REQUIRED PROCEDURE TO COMMENCE ASAP.

4. HOPEFULLY GOV APPRECIATES THAT THIS NOW CANCELLED SIGNING OF AGREEMENT IS THE THIRD TIME JUSTICE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS ON SHORT NOTICE AS FAVOR TO GOV.
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